

Chicago; price \$2.00 net. This little volume, well gotten out and bound in limp cloth, should prove to be a useful book of reference for the busy practitioner who has occasional need for serums, etc., in treating the patients in an every-day practice. Apparently it is intended to be but a compilation of well-known work, and presents, in little, the sum of our present knowledge in relation to the practical side of these questions.

**A Text-Book on Alkaloidal Therapeutics**, being a condensed resume of all available literature on the subject of the active principles added to the personal experience of the authors. By W. F. Waugh and W. C. Abbott, with the collaboration of E. M. Epstein. Chicago: The Clinic Publishing Company, 1904. Price, in cloth, postpaid, \$2.50. The volume should be a valuable one for reference, to any doctor who even occasionally makes use of the alkaloids. It is well gotten up, interleaved for memoranda, and the make-up is excellent.

**The Ainu Group** at the St. Louis Exposition. By Frederick Starr. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company. The price of the book is not stated. It contains 118 pages and a number of excellent illustrations. Its interest is purely anthropological and not at all medical. It does not pretend to be a deep study of the Ainu, but rather an account of a trip through the island of Yezo, with a description of the group brought to this country, and some general notes and reflections on the people.

**The Nature of the State**. By Paul Carus, from the Open Court Publishing Company. A little pamphlet containing excerpts from the *Open Court* dealing with the question as to the existence of the state, as such, and the duty of the citizen to the state, etc. "The argument that disproves the existence of the state and of other superindividual entities, will serve to disprove the existence of the individual." That's about what real, heavy German metaphysics does!

**The "detail man"** gets through the armor and under the hide of pretty much every doctor. The editor of the *Hahnemannian Monthly* has a few choice compliments to this particular genus of the species nuisance, and he speaks feelingly. It seems only possible to extend a little sympathy—a few kind words—to our brother in his trouble. Remember that even the "fleas have lesser fleas to bite 'em, and so the world goes on, ad infinitum."

**Sensory Distribution of the Fifth Cranial Nerve**, by Harvey Cushing, is published in the *Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin* for July-August. It is well worth careful study. The same publication contains a most excellent article on the "Chemical Origin of Leukocytes," by Dr. E. Schmoll.

"**The Development of the Hymen, Together With Its Anatomy and Pathology**," is the subject of a most excellent thesis by Dr. George Gellhorn, in the *American Journal of Obstetrics*, August. It is one of the best articles on this subject that has been published for a long time.

**Ants and Some Other Insects; An Inquiry Into the Psychic Powers of These Animals**, with an appendix on the peculiarities of their olfactory sense. By Dr. August Forel, University of Zurich. Open Court Publishing Company.

**Insurance examinations**, from various standpoints, and the effect on life expectancy of various diseases, forms the subject of a symposium by several authors in the September number of the *Canada Lancet*.

"**Indications for Cesarean Section**," by Dr. Charles D. Lockwood, Los Angeles, appears in the *American Journal of Obstetrics* for August.

**Transactions of the Florida Medical Association** for the years 1903 and 1904. No table of contents; no index; printed on good paper.

## A TRIFLING MISAPPREHENSION OF FACTS.

In the August number of the *Medical Sentinel* appeared the following:

### Do Oregon Doctors Make a Bad Impression?—

Dr. Jones, editor of the California State Medical Journal, was the guest of the Oregon State Medical Society a year ago, at which time the Oregon Society decided to make the attempt to get the next meeting of the A. M. A. at Portland; he was also a guest of honor at the banquet. Although Oregon has always been a helper of California in getting various large bodies upon the Coast for our State from the South, Dr. Jones returned to his home and began a counter movement against Oregon, in strong contrast to Dr. Anderson, of the Pacific Medical Journal, who was favorable to Portland, and a resolution was put through the State Society favorable to the meeting at San Francisco, all of which leads us to infer that the impression created in Dr. Jones' mind, from the attention and courtesy shown him, must have been very unfavorable to Portland and to the Oregon State Medical Society.

To this the writer took exception, as it very decidedly distorted his position and misrepresented his personal attitude toward the physicians of Oregon and of Portland. The following (infra) letter was at once mailed to the publication referred to, but does not appear in the September issue; its receipt was acknowledged verbally, but not by mail. It may be said, in passing, that the writer visited the last meeting of the Oregon State Medical Association, enjoyed it and himself very much, and publishes in this number of the JOURNAL a report of the meeting.

Before giving the letter mentioned, it might be as well to set forth two rather interesting telegrams that passed, unknown to me, while in Portland, August 29th to September 1st, 1904.

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Portland, Ore., Aug. 29, 1904.

Dr. H. Bert Ellis,

243 Bradbury Bldg., Los Angeles.

Dr. Jones says here he was not for Los Angeles but fought for Portland at Atlantic City stating if he had been for Los Angeles she would have won claiming Oregon support for his Journal therefore. You and I know differently. Wire me immediately his well-known position at Atlantic City.

DR. H. W. COE.

511 p.m.

Of the reply I have only a copy, not so full of detail, but reading as follows:

Ellis out of town. Both Jones and Ellis instructed to vote for California. When they found California impracticable both worked for Portland.

F. D. BULLARD.

The only corrections I can suggest in the statements above made are rather trifling ones, relating merely to minor facts. I did not say I fought for Portland; I did not say that if I worked for Los Angeles she would have won; I did not ask Oregon's support for my journal; I do not own any journal; I have never asked anyone's support for what I don't own. As a member and as chairman of the publication committee of our State Society I was instructed to offer to the Oregon Association equal representative ownership in our publications; that was all. I must apologize for consuming so much space over a matter so trivial, but can only plead a desire to have the record appear clear.